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The International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU)

Memorandum of Understanding

Signed: 15 September 2008

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya
University
Wang Noi, Ayutthaya
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Dated 15th of September 2008

The Members of the IABU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on 15/09/2008 Between the Members of the International Association of Buddhist Universities ("IABU") to consolidate the Association.

0 PREAMBLE

The IABU, formed in May 2007 and registered in Bangkok under the Thai law in 2008, has objectives to:

- i.* support the Members and facilitate collaboration among them, so that all humanity can benefit from the richness and diversity of the living Buddhist tradition; and, to that end,
- ii.* provide a framework within which the Members can:
- iii.* better understand each other's policies and activities and be better understood regionally and internationally;
- iv.* collaborate in administration, teaching, research and outreach;
- v.* recognise each other's qualifications.

1. JOINT INTENTION

Accordingly, the Chief Executive Administrators of the Members present at this First IABU Summit and Conference held in the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Main Campus, Wang Noi, Ayutthaya, Thailand agree:

- i.* to form an international committee to work, where necessary, on academic developments which include syllabus development and accreditation;
- ii.* to form an international committee to raise fund for the running of the IABU that include the Secretariat, conferences and seminars, scholarships, research projects and publications;
- iii.* to approve the decisions taken by the Executive Council in its Bangkok Meeting in January in 2008, and to authorise the Council to further undertake the task of networking, collaborations and fund-raising; and,
- iv.* to form a committee to coordinate to immediately initiate various exchange programmes of teaching staff between the Members, ranging, for example, from two to four weeks.

2. INTERPRETATION

In this Memorandum, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"the Members"

The Members, the Associate members and the Additional Members of the IABU.

"Association"

The International Association of Buddhist Universities.



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On the above basis, the Members shall be held to have given their non-legally-binding pledge from the date of signing of this Memorandum, so that the process of strengthening and advancing the IABU can commence forthwith.

Signed as of the date first above written





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